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SUBJECT: US MEAT IMPORT QUOTAS FOR IRELAND

1. EC DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE RABOT CALLED IN MISSION OFFICERS TO COMMENT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ON AN IMPORT QUOTA IN 1976 FOR IRISH MEAT. RABOT SAID HE LEARNED FROM THE EC'S WASHINGTON DELEGATION THAT IRELAND HAD OFFICIALLY ASKED FOR A 30,000 TON QUOTA FOR 1976, STATING THAT THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT COULD FILL THE QUOTA WOULD DEPEND ON PRICE. SINCE IRELAND WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY 2,700-4,000 TONS AGAINST ITS QUOTA OF 17,000 TONS IN 1975, ACCORDING TO RABOT, HE LABELED THE IRISH REQUEST AS "STUPID" AND A "TACTICAL ERROR."

2. RABOT SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE REASONABLE FOR THE US TO GRANT A MODESTLY-SIZED QUOTA TO IRELAND, POSSIBLE IN THE RANGE MENTIONED ABOVE FOR 1976, AND CAUTIONED THAT, WHATEVER ITS EVENTUAL SIZE, THE QUOTA SHOULD NOT BE INSULTINGLY SMALL.

3. THE SUBJECT OF PRICES INEVITABLY TURNED TO IRISH MEAT EXPORT SUBSIDIES. WE REMINDED RABOT OF THE US' UNHAPPINESS WITH THE IRISH SUBSIDY AND COMMENTED THAT ITS CONTINUATION COULD WELL LEAD TO COUNTERVAILING DUTY ACTIONS. RABOT REPLIED THAT THE MATTER OF COUNTERVAILING DUTIES WAS FOR THE US TO DECIDE,
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